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SARAH FERGUSON Niagara Advance

Veronika Mikolajewski creates a surrealistic painting during her classes at the March break program at the Niagara Pumphouse, The Pumphouse is hosting workshops this week teaching children ages five to 12 how to draw using pencils, chalk, pastel and oil paintings. For more information phone 905-468-5453.

Virgil streetscape changing

Vacant field to become retail space

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

A piece of property that has long been a stretch of vacant field in the middle of Virgil has become a beehive of activity in recent weeks, with the construction of 6,000 square feet of retail construction underway.

The development process for the property, bought from Mori Nurseries by John Lean of Lupine Property out of London, Ont. in 2008, has been in the works ever since, but now that construction has begun the owner is aiming for a speedy completion date of September.

Lean calls it " a nice little commercial development" that has required more care in the details than anything else he has built, knowing it has to be upscale to suit Niagara-on-the-Lake.

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Unanimous vote for Brock Day

Oct. 13 is now known as Sir Isaac Brock Day across Ontario.

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

It was a unanimous vote ion the hill last Thursday —Sir Isaac Brock will have his day.

MPP Kim Craitor says he is thrilled to be a part of history and to make Oct. 13 a day to remember for a local historical figure.

"It's still hard to believe."

Craitor was one of three MPPs—including Leeds-Greenville MPP Steve Clark and Welland MPP Cindy Forster—to co-sponsor Bill 35 at Quen's Park. The private member's bill made history, says Craitor.

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MPP Kim Craitor dressed in a officer's uniform from the War of 1812 last Thursday when he discussed the importance of designating a day to recognize Sir Isaac Brock. The private members bill received unanimous support from all parties.

BEST BUY - CORRECTION NOTICE

On the March 9 flyer, page 18, please be advised that these products: Xbox 360/PS3 Naruto Shippuden: Ultimate Ninja Storm Generations (WebCode. 10187163/ 10187114) may not be available in-store on the release date advertised due to delayed shipment. The games are estimated to be available on March 14.

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MPP receives outpouring of support for Bill 35

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The private members' bill received all-party support in the Ontario Legislature.

It's the first bill to be sponsored by three MPPs from different parties.

It's also the first bill to be given a second and third reading and voted on in the same day, says Craitor.

"I think Sir Isaac Brock would have appreciated the parties working together and to have a second and third reading at the same time."

To emphasize the importance of the bill, Craitor dressed in an authentic officer's uniform from the War of 1812.

In order to wear this uniform, Craitor had to ask for special permission from the Speaker of the House.

"The uniform was so unique. I couldn't walk into Parliament with the uniform and the Sergeant at Arms reminded me. So I had to make a motion to the speaker to give me permission and it took a while but I was eventually allowed in."

The MPP says wearing the uniform made an impact on the politicians and the public who saw him—many people began asking him questions.

When he walked into the gallery, he said, many people were looking at him, wondering who he was and why he was dressed 1812-style.

The MPP says he never dreamed he would have the opportunity to wear the uniform of a soldier who fought in battle during the War of 1812.

"It's truly an amazing thing to imagine I'm standing here talking about a bill and a solider wore something like this in battle."

When Craitor had his chance to speak about Bill 35, he said he felt the uniform was an amazing tool to emphasize the importance of Brock's impact on Canadian history.

> **"The facts wouldn't have changed but the uniform did made an impression on the politicians and people present during the discussion."**
>
> *— MPP Kim Craitor*

Recognizing Brock, who was mortally wounded by a sharpshooter's musket ball while leading his troops in the Battle of Queenston Heights on Oct. 13, 1812, is something that should have been done a long time ago, says Craitor.

"The facts wouldn't have changed but the uniform made an impression on the politicians and people present during the discussion."

Since the bill has passed, Craitor says he has received non-stop support of e-mails and phone calls from people who are happy to see the bill passed.

Sarah Maloney, curator of the Niagara Historical Museum, says it's exciting there is now a day dedicated to Brock.

"I think it's a great idea because it draws more attention to 1812. I am quite pleased to have a notable figure recognized."

Oct. 13 is an appropriate day to recognize the figure because it is significant to the War of 1812.

"It's the best day because the Battle of Queenston Heights occurred on that day and it was one of the major battles."

Maloney says there is currently an exciting exhibit at the museum which features Brock's hat on display.

Wes Turner, a local historian and former Brock University professor, says the day dedicated to Brock is "a great idea.

"There are already days dedicated after others who have impacted Canadian history like John Graves Simcoe."

It would encourage people to ask questions about who Brock was, Turner says.

"The day recognizes somebody important in Canadian history. It might encourage people to ask who this person was."

Turner says history shapes the lives of people for future generations and by asking question about the past, people can discover how they came to be.

"History is a way of understanding yourself and the country you live in. So much of our geography and our politics are rooted in our history."

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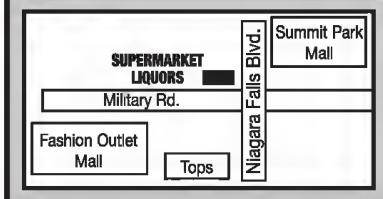

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We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our valued customers.

Stone Road retail space designed to suit NOTL

From Page 1

Lean said he worked with Quartek architects and the town's urban design team to come up with a project "that will have a presence."

He wanted a style in keeping with the new Meridian Credit Union across the street, which was designed by the same architectural firm, he said.

"I've put a lot of work and money into this building, more than anything else I've built," said Lean.

"I wouldn't have bought a property in Niagara-on-the-Lake to do something ordinary. I wanted this to be something special."

The front stone facade will be 30 feet high, although the building will only be one storey, he said. It will be set close to the street, with landscaping in front and parking in the rear, he said.

The construction now underway is for the first phase of the project, which has attracted some professional offices and a national chain pet store, although there is still 2,000 square feet available.

He approached the Beer Store, thinking it would be something needed locally, but after some initial interest, they changed their minds, he said.

Although it's taken a while to settle on details, Lean said the NOTL planning department has been very co-operative and easy to work with.

"I knew going into this that if you're going to build in NOTL, it's not going to be your usual stucco and siding building. Urban design is the way of the future, and it's the right thing to do."

Construction has begun on a retail development that will replace a vacant field on Niagara Stone Road in Virgil.

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Contextual Zone Standards

PROPOSED CHANGE

To amend the zone standards of the "Old Town Community Zoning District - Established Residential (ER) Zone" and the "Old Town Community Zoning District - Established Residential (ER2) Zone" by removing the contextual zone provisions as it relates to front yard setbacks, building height and exterior side yard setback (ER Zone only) and replacing these with conventional zone standards..

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on any proposed zoning change is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by: speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Town.

PUBLIC MEETING

Date: April 10, 2012
Time: 7:00 PM, or as soon as possible thereafter
Place: Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
Administrative Offices, Council Chambers
1593 Four Mile Creek Road, Virgil, Ontario

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request personal notice if the proposed change is adopted, please send a letter c/o Town Clerk Holly Dowd, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, Ontario, L0S 1T0.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information please contact Kay Grant, Planner II at 905-468-3266, extension 297 or kgrant@notl.org. A copy of this notice can be found on the Towns website at www.notl.org.

LEGAL NOTICE
Section 34 of the Planning Act

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If you wish to be notified of the decision of Town Council in respect to this matter you must make a written request to the Town Clerk.

Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake this 15th day of March 2012.

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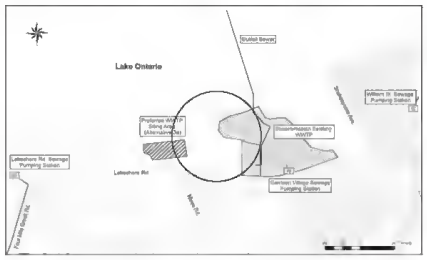
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Niagara-on-the-Lake Wastewater Servicing Official Plan Amendment

PROPOSED CHANGE

Niagara Region commenced a MEA Class Environmental Assessment (EA) project in 2008 to investigate future wastewater servicing alternatives for the Niagara Urban Service Area (NUSA/NOTL Old Town) and the community of Virgil. Increased wastewater servicing capacity for the service area is now forecasted to be required by 2018.



Three Public Information Centres and one Public Information Meeting was held where background information, details of the proposed decision making approach, and the long-list of alternative servicing solutions were presented as well as a short-list of alternative solutions and the screening procedures that had been used to identify them. The preferred solution is to be a new WWTP on Parks Canada property as shown.

The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Official Plan requires an amendment to permit its development.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment (OPA) will re-designate land for the construction of a new wastewater treatment facility that will replace the existing facility at 1738 Lakeshore Road.

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Local student off to Queen's Park

Passionate about politics, Alex Ruddy is looking forward to serving as a page in the provincial legislature

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Alex Ruddy loves to read, especially adventure books.

But the 12-year-old Niagara-on-the-Lake boy is about to embark on an adventure of his own, as a legislative page at Queen's Park.

Beginning Monday Ruddy, a Grade 7 student at Wheatley School in St. Catharines, will spend three weeks serving as a messenger on the floor of the provincial legislative chamber, meeting key parliamentary figures and learning about Ontario's parliamentary system of government.

He plans to stay in Toronto with family so he can arrive promptly by 8 a.m. to dress in his uniform and help prepare the legislative chamber for the morning's debates.

As the day progresses, Ruddy will deliver messages and water for the MPPs in the chamber, take classes in legislative processes and meet legislative players such as the party leaders and the Speaker of the House.

Ruddy says the moment he found out he was eligible for the page program he began working on his application, which required an essay outlining his achievements, involvement in activities at school and in the community, and suitability for the program.

It's his love for politics that motivated him to apply and has him so excited about being chosen, he says.

He remembers being as young as five years old and listening to his parents, Doug Ruddy and Laura Cousens, debate politics and political parties, and enjoying the discussions.

"Political debate is deeply embedded in our family."

Politics are also discussed at school during each election campaign, he said, and he looks forward to those discussions.

"It's just so important, and so powerful."

Not surprisingly, he hopes for a future as a politician, although he won't say which party—pages are supposed to be non-partisan, he said.

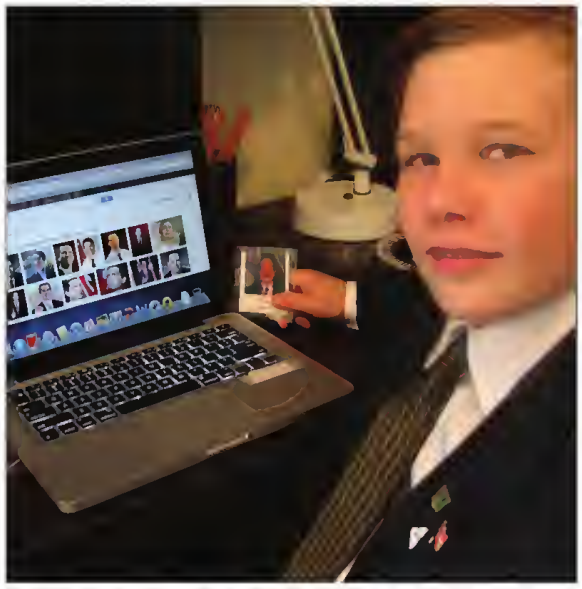
He would most like to have a hand in changing the imbalances in society.

"Some people have millions of dollars tucked away in bank accounts, while others have to live on welfare and can't feed their families. In Grade 4 I did a speech on the economy, and it seems so fair, but really it's so unfair. I think it's important that everyone have a chance to reach their full potential, but people who come from an impoverished background just don't have the same opportunities."

He has been working hard to prepare for next week, studying and memorizing the faces, names, and locations of the 107 MPPs.

In addition to indulging his love of politics, he is looking forward to developing long-lasting friendships with other young people who share his interests, he says.

The Legislative Page Program is open to students in Grades 7 and 8 who have an interest in current affairs, have an academic average of 80% or higher, and get along well with their peers and adults. Applications for the page program are accepted for two deadlines each year: Dec. 15 and June 14. For more information visit page_program@ontla.ola.org.



Alex Ruddy has been busy memorizing the names, faces and locations of the 107 MPPs in the legislature, where he will work as a page.

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our editorial

Good news for Virgil, great news to hear about planning department

We aren't sure quite yet what to expect in the new retail project that is rapidly developing on Niagara Stone Road in Virgil, but we are sure it bodes well for the town and residents.

We often see farmers' fields and orchards being torn down for development in this town, and that always seems distressing. But in this case, we have retail space sprouting in what was an empty field in the middle of what has for decades been an urban centre, right where development is supposed to be, where it will bring in tax dollars for the town and provide convenient services and stores for residents.

And, if this development turns out to be as attractive as it is purported to be, after extensive consultations between the developer and the Town's urban design team, it will be a welcome addition to the Virgil streetscape, which is so important as a gateway to Niagara-on-the-Lake.

But possibly the best news is the respect and appreciation the developer has expressed about the Town's planning department. This isn't always the case in NOTL, which has long had a reputation for having a planning department that has been difficult to work with. While that may have been a reflection of trying to preserve an attractive image, it wasn't great for business, and was a perception our current Lord Mayor promised to change.

It's good to hear efforts for change are working, and we hope we continue to hear such good news.

Defenders of the Town

SARAH FERGUSON Niagara Advance

Lyle Williams and Tony Chisholm present a Defender of the Town plaque to Paul and Maureen Dickson of Irish Design, as St. Patrick's Day approaches and the business celebrates 25 years on Queen Street. The retailers have made a donation to help stage events commemorating the War of 1812 bicentennial.

letters to the editor

Seasonal workers would like explanation for not being rehired

I am writing this letter on behalf of the three former, seasonal Town staff of the Lakeshore Cemetery. The entire former seasonal cemetery staff will not be returning to their jobs for the 2012 season and we have no idea why?

It would have been my 9th year as a seasonal employee for the Town. Altogether, we have 21 years of seasonal employment at the Lakeshore Cemetery. We were not informed by management, that we would not be rehired. We had to find out about our job loss from other seasonal employees.

This fact in itself is unacceptable; we should have been notified and given an honest explanation.

We realize that we are only seasonal employees and that job security is not something that we can count on. However, when your job performance is not an issue and you put your heart and soul into what you do, it is reasonable to expect that you will continue working. Where is the human factor?

Employers ought to be candid, reasonable, honest and forthright with their employees. Where is the respect and consideration for all of us? We did nothing wrong, so why are we being treated this way?

It is unfortunate that we have to express what has happened in this type of forum, but the situation is truly unacceptable.

In my previous career, I was a high-level manager, for another city. After 28 years, I retired and wanted to continue working, to provide for my family. This is the first time I have ever felt the need to defend myself and my coworkers and express a feeling of unfair treatment.

We want to make one point very clear. Disturbing rumours have surfaced that this past summer, seasonal employees were a big part of trying to establish union activity for the Town. No one has the right to accuse us and blame us for something in which we had absolutely no involvement. Are these rumours the reason we lost our jobs?

Our work ethic was never in question and we were always willing to do what was expected of us and more. We maintained the cemetery, set up funerals and spent time with grieving families, giving them the security that their loved ones final resting place, would be well taken care of.

Whenever our manager was away on vacation, we were trusted to look after the entire operation. We worked with local funeral homes; people depended on us. We received compliments on a regular basis; and won an award for the way the grounds were maintained.

We took pride in our job, a place where people gather their thoughts and remember their loved ones. We cared about each and every person we talked to throughout our days.

We are sad to say goodbye. Thank you for the many wonderful years of memories, we loved our job.

Perhaps someone will explain why we are no longer there, because we don't know.

Chris Baas

Correction

A letter published in the Niagara Advance March 8, also about seasonal workers, had the wrong name on it. It was written by Chris Little. The Advance apologizes for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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letters to the editor

Crossroads Public School says thanks to community

On behalf of the Crossroads School Council and the NOTL Home Show Committee, I would like to thank the community for your generous support of the NOTL Home Show.

This year's show was a huge success and feedback from vendors and customers was very positive.

We are very excited to let you know that, with proceeds from the Home Show, we are anticipating installation of the second phase of our school playground in May, 2012.

I would also like to offer special thanks to our major sponsors, Phil's Valu-mart and Meridian Credit Union, without whom this event would not have been as successful.

And I would be remiss if I did not also thank the administration and teachers of Crossroads School, who gracefully managed the disruptions in their class rooms and schedules; the volunteers who worked tirelessly to organize and run the show (and make delicious baked goods); the vendors and exhibitors who supported our show; generous local businesses who donated to our silent auction; and all of the visitors who came to look, shop and to see our new school.

Looking forward to next year.

Michelle Lemoine
NOTL Home Show

Make Canada safe for our children

To some it may seem that many compelling arguments have been made in recent weeks regarding personal privacy and the impact bill C 30 may have, or will have, on our personal lives.

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With the passing of C 30, all we do is bring the computer in line with our other privileges. We have a responsibility to use this technology responsibly and if we use it for illegal transactions, then we should be liable to prosecution and our illegal usage should be tracked the same way as if our vehicle would have been used in a bank robbery.

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Justice Minister Rob Nicholson and Public Safety Minister Vic Toews, thank you for your initiative.

Jake Sinke

Shaky history

Bicentennial commemoration of the War of 1812 is undoubtedly worthwhile, but there is a limit to the tolerance of local residents. I refer to the attempt to re-enact the experience of carriage riding on the corduroy roads of early Upper Canada, as particularly observed in present day driving along Lakeshore Road between Four Mile Creek and Read Road.

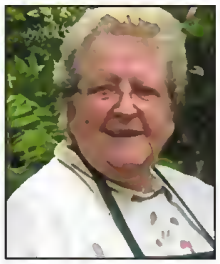
This endurance contest daily questions which body will give out first, the car's or the driver's, and is equally painful for all passengers.

Surely, with two Lord Mayors (present and past) on Regional Council, one of whom is the chairman, we should have enough influence to get this major thoroughfare for the people of Niagara repaired. Perhaps then we will be in a mood to enjoy the celebrations.

James Tupman

Be patient – it will soon be time to begin visiting nurseries with pen and paper

Sounds and signs of spring are beginning to arrive, but don't rush with removing protection from plants just yet.



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

Well, the signs are all there – the cardinals are piping, I even heard a frog, and on the topic of sound – don't forget the motorcycles, a sure sign that the wind chill is above freezing.

It is difficult to know how far we can go with removing protection from around our plants, but try to be patient, the aconites are a wonderful blaze of colour and I can see some snow drops in among them.

I can see buds on the azalia, the leaves are sprouting on the butterfly bush and as I cut off the dried stems from the sedum I noticed new green shoots showing.

Oh it is so tempting to clear off the dried leaves, but I will try to be patient, just in case. It will be just a few more weeks and we can visit the nursery and get planning.

Like having the mulch ready to put on to preserve moisture in the soil after you have done all the clean up, I always like to put some compost on before the mulch, so check your composter.

It will probably still be rather solid but as it heats up, which is a sign it is working well, start turning it over ready for putting it to work.

How are your pots of veggies doing? I am always surprised at how much water they take. I recall one year when a gardening friend recommended the top of the fridge as a good place to grow pots of seeds early on.

Well I ended up with what could be called competition to the Hanging Gardens of Babylon—an experiment not to be repeated. Seems to be my usual learning experience.

The best thing to take with you to Canada Blooms, or on a tour of the nurseries is a pencil and notebook and get planning.

Happy Gardening.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Niagara-on-the-Lake Wastewater Servicing Harmonized Federal/Provincial Class Environmental Assessment Notice of Project Completion

Background

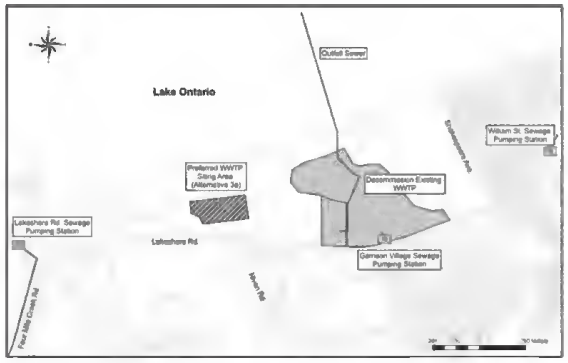
Niagara Region commenced a MEA Class Environmental Assessment (EA) project in 2008 to investigate future wastewater servicing alternatives for the Niagara Urban Service Area (NUSA/NOTL Old Town) and the community of Virgil. Increased wastewater servicing capacity for the service area is now forecasted to be required by 2016. The objective of this study is to:

- Provide increased servicing capacity to accommodate future growth proposed for the two communities
- Address wastewater flows that occur during wet weather events
- Address operating issues at the existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP)

As a result of Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) triggers being identified during the Class EA, it became necessary to complete this project as a Harmonized Federal/ Provincial EA.

Process

As part of the study, three Public Information Centres were held to present background information, details of the proposed decision making approach, the long-list of alternative servicing solutions, a short-list of alternative solutions and the preferred solution. The screening and evaluation procedures that were used to assess the alternatives were also presented. The preferred solution was determined to be Alternative 3a located on Parks Canada property consisting of a new WWTP with a wet weather flow facility, sewage pumping station upgrades and expansions, new and modified sewage forcemains, and a new effluent forcemain connection to the existing NOTL outfall sewer, as shown below. The decommissioning of the existing WWTP facilities will be investigated as a future EA project.



Public Comment Invited

The Region and its consultants have prepared an Environmental Study Report (ESR) to present the conclusions of the EA, incorporating input from the public, review agencies, and other key stakeholders. This Notice places the ESR on the public record for review in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice and the receipt of all necessary approvals, Niagara Region intends to proceed with the detailed design and construction as documented in the ESR.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Wastewater Servicing ESR will be placed on public record for review for 30 calendar days. **The Public Review Period will begin on Wednesday March 13, 2012 and end on April 14, 2012.** The ESR will be available for public review at the following locations from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 a.m.:

Office of the Regional Clerk's Department
Niagara Region Headquarters
2201 St. David's Road
Thorold, ON L2V 4T7
Telephone: 905-685-1571

Office of the Town Clerk
The Town of Niagara-On-The Lake
1593 Four Mile Creek Road, P.O. Box 100
Virgil, ON L0S 1T0
Telephone: 905-468-3266

Interested persons should provide written comments regarding the project within the prescribed Review Period to either of the following contacts:

Ms. Michelle Moore, C.E.T. Project Manager,
Water & Wastewater Engineering, Region of Niagara
3501 Schmon Parkway, P.O. Box 1042, Thorold, ON L2V 4T7
Telephone - 905 685-4225 ext. 3611 or
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Email: michelle.moore@niagararegion.ca
Mr. Don Cane, P.Eng. Project Manager,
Hatch Mott MacDonald, Consultant
15 Allstate Parkway, Suite 300, Markham,
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Telephone - 905 940-5840 or Fax - 905 940-5848
Email: don.cane@hatchmott.com

If concerns arise during the prescribed Review Period that cannot be resolved through discussions with Niagara Region, a person or party may request that the Minister of Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act. This request (commonly referred to as a Part II Order) must be received within the above prescribed review period by the Minister, at the address listed below and copied to Ms. Michelle Moore at Niagara Region. If no request is received on or before April 14 2012, the Region may proceed with detailed design and construction of the project.

With the exception of personal information, all comments received as a result of this project will become part of the public record.

This Notice first issued on March 13, 2012.

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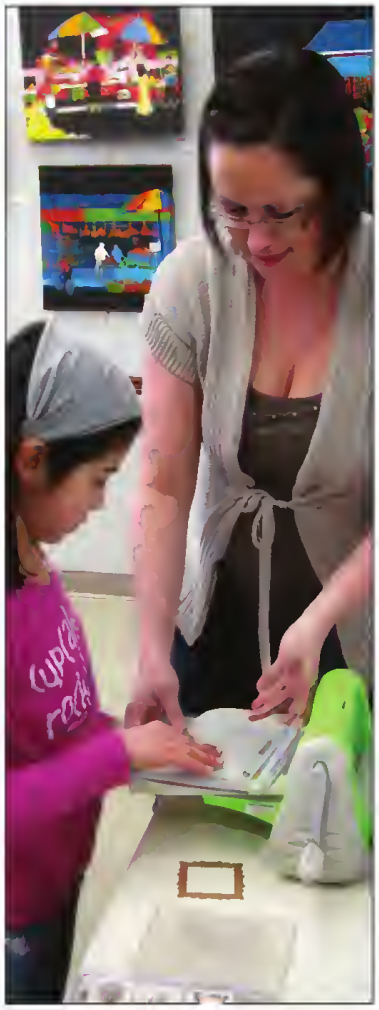

SARAH FERGUSON Niagara Advance
Olivia Miele attending the card-making workshop at the NOTL Library on Tuesday, where she learned how to make greeting cards with library staff member Laura Dulas.

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More communications towers to improve reception planned for NOTL

Three new towers will provide additional coverage for Public Mobile

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

A telecommunications company is planning to erect three cell towers in Niagara-on-the-Lake, all on private property.

Summit Telecom is proposing 50-metre wireless telecommunications towers on Line 6, near Four Mile Creek Road, another 50-metre tower on a Lakeshore Road property across the street from Firelanes 7 and 8, and a 30-metre monopole on Niagara Stone Road, beside Southbrook Winery.

The towers are to accommodate their client, Public Mobile.

A lattice tripole is being proposed for the Lakeshore Road location to provide coverage from Read Road to Niven Road and East and West Line. The property where it will be located backs onto agricultural land and is more than 230 metres from any homes in the area.

The lattice tripole design is also being considered for Line 6, near Four Mile Creek Road, also bordering agricultural land, and more than 3,250 metres from any homes.

Proposed for the Niagara Stone Road site, between Airport Road and Concession 7, beside Southbrook Winery, is a monopole with antennas at the top of the tower, adjacent to agricultural lands and 100 metres from the closest residence.

> **"The more smart phones people buy, the more towers will be required."**
>
> *— Town planner Lola Emberson*

Public Mobile says it will consider applications to share all three of its proposed towers with other telecommunications companies, reducing the need for more towers.

Approval of the towers is a federal jurisdiction through Industry Canada, but the Town of NOTL can comment on some aspects such as landscaping, colour and design.

The Town also requires public information meetings be held so that neighbours can have their say.

Town council debated the Rogers 50-metre tripole tower on Mississauga Street for more than a year, first investigating alternate locations, and once it was determined that the library property was the best site, discussing possible designs to make it less intrusive.

But that was on town-owned property, and since these structures will be on private property the proposals will not require council approval, says town planner Lola Emberson.

There are many towers in town, but as more people buy smart phones, more will likely be required, she said, and there are still pockets where reception is not good.

One of the governing policies is that other existing structures be considered, including other towers or tall buildings, and in the case of the Lakeshore Road site, there is a Telus tower nearby. But because of the amount of equipment and its location on the tower, it would not be possible to achieve Public Mobile's coverage objectives, Summit says.

There are no structures available near the other two sites that would be suitable for sharing, the Summit information report says.

A public meeting to discuss all three locations will be held Wednesday, April 4 in the council chamber, beginning at 5 p.m. for the Lakeshore Road location, 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Niagara Stone Road site and 6 p.m. for the Line 6 discussion.

The Rogers tripole tower by the library and community centre is a similar design to what is being considered for two of the Public Mobile towers, which will also have steel lattice-work on the three sides. The Rogers tower took about a year to be approved, but the process was more involved because it is on town-owned property, rather than private property.

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St. Davids Lions aid eye surgery for thousands of Niagara residents

Lions help the Niagara Health System purchase a microscope used during cataract surgery

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Every year more than 5,500 Niagara residents have cataract surgery, which helps restore sight that has been impaired by the clouding of the eyes normally associated with aging.

Four years ago, the St. Davids Lion made a commitment to budget a significant portion of their budget toward a major project, says past president Al Snider.

Through the purchase of an ophthalmic microscope that aids surgery, that money has been spent on helping to restore sight to the many residents suffering from cataracts, said Snider.

The Lions had previously tried to satisfy all the many requests received yearly but decided there was a greater need they could fulfill by also allocating money to a major project. They began looking for something in the field of eye care, which is an important cause of Lions International.

"We decided to do something associated with eye care, since that's what Lions are all about," said Snider.

The microscope was purchased at the suggestion of the Niagara Health System, said Snider, and today it is in place and helping Niagara ophthalmologists perform cataract surgeries daily.

To help pay for the equipment, the St. Davids club applied for a grant through the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The local club contributed $30,000, the foundation about $75,000 and Lions Eye Care Niagara, which collects funds from local Lions clubs, contributed the remaining funds.

"We all worked together to pool our funds and get the best bang for our bucks," said Snider.

St. Davids Lions members have an opportunity to view the ophthalmic microscope they helped purchase for the Niagara Health System. It's located at the Ontario Street site of the NHS, and is being used to help Niagara residents who require cataract surgery.

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Beloved Potato People return to the stage in new production

Tales from the Garden debuts at the Sullivan Mahoney Courthouse in St. Catharines.

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

Nancy Potato and George Beanstalk are back and this time, they are trying to sprout a seed in their garden in the upcoming production of Tales from the Garden.

The pair finds themselves magically transported to a magnified world of their own garden, where they discover amazing things about the insects, and the animals around them.

Theatre Beyond Words presents tales from the Garden in partnership with the younger ensemble, Company Sprouts.

The local theatre group was established in 1977 in Niagara-on-the-Lake, says founding member and artistic director Robin Patterson.

The theatre company created Potato People, a series of 14 non-speaking mask plays.

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Katharine Dubois performs as George Beanstalk in the upcoming production of Tale From the Garden—a new story about the Potato People. The play has two scheduled performances for the public on March 23 and 24 and then the show will tour schools across Ontario until April 22.

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Company of young artists gives Potato People fresh new perspective on stage

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The artistic director says she is excited about the new production of the Potato People and she hopes people will be flocking to see the show.

"People really identify with the characters because they transcend language."

The characters on stage are silent and every emotion or action has to be acted out physically.

That's what makes the Potato People special, says Patterson.

"Our process was to make sure character's thoughts are so clear. That's why we can travel internationally because there is no language barrier."

Katharine Dubois, who plays George Beanstalk, says not being able to speak on stage is an added challenge.

"It's hard to describe what it's like wearing the mask from a performance perspective. It's a challenging type of theatre because the mask limits your hearing and your breathing but it's also a lot of fun. You can play anybody."

But it's fun to act on stage and watch as children and their parents interpret what is happening, says Dubious.

"There's room for different interpretations and it enriches peoples' experiences of the show because they have to be actively involved."

Dubois says this year's Potato People are "the next generation" and the new production will be more visually stimulating.

This fresh perspective comes from the addition of Sprouts.

Sprouts is a company of young artists who have been trained in the style of mask theatre, says Dubois.

The company has created a successful Potato People vignette show called Potato Chips, which toured across Ontario for two years .

They have given the Potato People a brand new look for a new generation of artists inspired by graphic novels.

"Children are much more visually literate and we've tried to create a new show that appeals to them."

Tickets are $12 per person. Public performances of Tales from the Garden are March 23 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and March 24 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Sullivan Mahoney Courthouse Theatre in St. Catharines.

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Celebrating 100 years of life

Chateau Gardens resident Laurette turned 100 on March 1.

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

With a bright smile on her face, Laurette Huard celebrated an amazing milestone—her 100th birthday.

Huard turned a century old on March 1 and she says the key to her long life—and very few wrinkles—is to stop sweating the small things.

"My motto is 'just let it go and don't worry about it.' I hardly have any wrinkles because I don't fuss about the small things in life."

Huard grew up in Montreal and moved to Welland with her farming family when she was just 12 years old. She has been living in the Niagara region ever since.

Huard was happily married to two wonderful husbands and she was blessed with one son, she says.

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SARAH FERGUSON Niagara Advance

Laurette Huard celebrated her 100th birthday on March 1 with staff and residents at Chateau Gardens.

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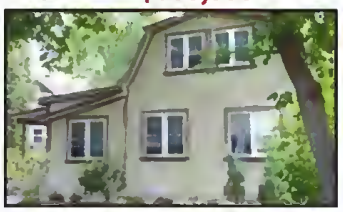
4 WYCKLIFFE $369,000



Completely renovated home in desirable cottage area of NOTL. Steps from lake and walking distance to downtown. Bright and open living area with neutral décor. MLS N20131739. Thomas Elltoft or Kim Elltoft.

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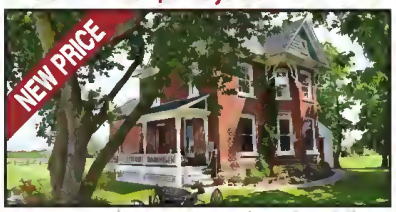

Turn of the century solid brick farm house on 1.6 acres with scenic views of vineyards & escarpment from large covered porch. Also on property is 40 x 60 Quonset barn currently used as horse stable with 2 paddocks that would be ideal for extra garage or workshop. Land is under drained and suitable for a variety of uses. City water. MLS N2012786. Thomas Elltoft and Viviane Elltoft

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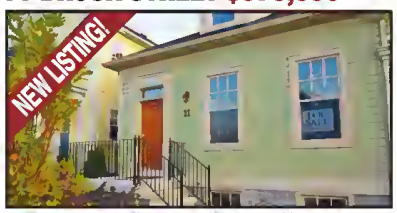

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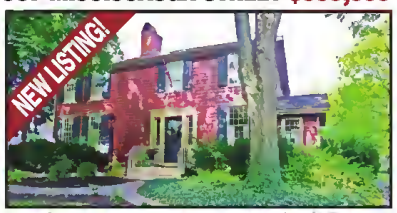

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Centenarian enjoys playing piano at Chateau Gardens to entertain residents

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She came to live at Chateau Gardens in Niagara-on-the-Lake about three years ago and Huard is a happy soul who spends most of her time entertaining other residents at the assisted living home by playing the piano and singing, says Debi Brown, program support services manager.

"Laurette competed in the Senior Star Competition in 2010 and she played the piano in front of a crowd of a 100 people. She still entertains everyone a few times a week."

Her age hasn't slowed Huard down—she still participates in weekly discussion groups and she enjoys playing many Wii games, says Brown.

Her "wonderful smile and her kind personality" light up the people residing within Chateau Gardens, adds Brown.

Huard says she loves to spend time playing bingo with her friend, Bruce Brownlee, whom she met when she moved into the retirement home.

"Bruce is my bingo partner and we like to sing together."

But what she says she enjoys the most is playing piano and she has many memories of trying to learn how to play.

"My family could only afford to pay for music lessons for one child to go, so my sister Alice, who was 10 years older, got to go."

After her sister finished with her lesson for the day, Huard says she would sneak in and try to imitate what her sister had played. She kept practising and she learned how to play the piano by ear.

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Niagara Historical Museum hosts lecture series about War of 1812

Sarah Ferguson
Niagara Advance

Was the war by accident or was it by design?

That's the question Wes Turner, a retired history professor from Brock University, will attempt to answer at his lecture this evening at the Niagara Historical Society Museum.

The United States declared war with Britain on June 18, 1812 and the Niagara region became centre stage for some of the major battles that would take place over the next few years, says Turner.

"I will look at the conditions and events brought on by Europe and on the high seas and North America."

The lecturer says there are many questions about the War of 1812 and why it started.

"Did the United States stumble into war with Britain? Was there some sort of intention on the part of either party? I will raise all of these questions but I don't have all of the answers myself."

He will also address the Chesapeake Crisis, the Black Hawks, a group within the republic party, native leader Tecumseh and many other details about the war people might not know about.

Turner is currently a co-chair of the NOTL War of 1812 Bicentennial Steering Committee.

The museum has planned a lecture series from March to September based on these themes—Turner's lecture is scheduled for March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

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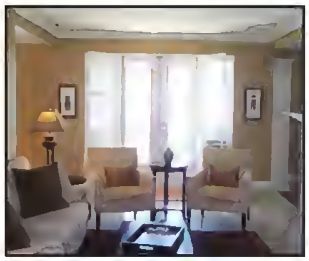

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We have had several assemblies and presentations to inform our children about important events.

A fantastic black history ancestry presentation was given to us by Karen Shadd. Every student at St. Davids learned many new things. We had a chance to ask a few questions and got the opportunity to have a tour through the virtual black history museum. Some of the many highlighted topics you can learn about in the virtual black history museum are: The Early Settlement; The Underground Railroad; The Military Movements and Government; Notable Black Canadians; and much more. You can check out the virtual black history museum yourself at www.cic.ca/english/games/museum/flas/flash-game.asp.

Our school had the opportunity to hold and participate in the Oath Of Citizenship where we welcomed 29 new Canadian Citizens from 13 different countries. Judge Ted Salci performed the ceremony and Lord Mayor Dave Eke of the town of Niagara-On-The-Lake said words of his own at the ceremony.

Each student received a book about Canada to commemorate the occasion. The students at St. Davids are so privileged to be able to have this moment in their memories of attending this ceremony.

Another guest who visited St. Davids Public School is Robert Small. He is an African-American artist who over the past couple of years has been focusing on famous black Canadians and has painted many Legacy posters to help people to recognize what Black History Month is all about.

During the presentation he mentioned how at the age of 16 he had his artwork published in a city-wide newspaper. Ever since then he has developed his artwork and clearly became the most popular Canadian artist of the past decade. St. Davids School purchased several of his posters to hang proudly in our school.

Last week we didn't hold the Grammys, didn't hold the Oscars or the Junos. Instead we decided to get a little creative and come up with "The Davids." The Grade 6/7/8 classes have created their own claymation films.

The assignment was to personalize their own claymations in small groups so it could be shown to the primary division during The Davids, which is St. Davids Public School's very own award ceremony. After all of the films were shown votes were tallied and awards were given.

The intermediate basketball teams just finished a great season at St. Davids. The dragons really brought it this year. The girls finished in second over all, and the boys finished in third. The juniors also just started their basketball season.

The badminton club is just kicking off, and soon we will have our teams set and ready to play. Good luck to all of our Dragons.

We thank principal Lorraine Giroux and all of the staff for all of their hard work that they have put into contributing to our school. We also want to thank her for all of the opportunities she has given us by arranging times for us to have so many special guests and they has truly made our learning more fun.

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The Niagara Rangers atom basketball team hosted the 1812 Commemorative Basketball Tournament last week. The tourney was the team's first opportunity to host a competition in NOTL. The Rangers play three games and lost 41-28 against an undefeated team from Chatham. Despite their loss in the final game, the Rangers won silver medals.

Rangers win silver in 1812 Commemorative tourney

Atoms host major competition for the first time.

In basketball action, the Niagara Rangers girls team won the silver medal at the Niagara-on-the-Lake War of 1812 Commemorative Basketball Tournament.

The event was the Rangers' first time ever hosting a major tournament.

In their first game, the Rangers blew past the East Elgin 55-28, led by Molly Bowron with 16 points.

Lois DeGroot played her best game of the season, sinking 10 points.

Beth deBoer scored eight points, Katie Caughill scored six and Jeniah Wiens scored five.

Rachel Frena, Alexis Smith and Mackenzie Brown also contributed baskets.

In their second game, the Rangers earned a well-fought 41-26 victory against Brampton.

Pacing the scoring were Smith and Frena scoring nine points each.

Bowron played a strong game again and earned 8 points. DeBoer and Carrie Robinson showed terrific offensive plays to earn baskets.

Lauren Juras, Morgan Buis and Katie Dunn made excellent defence plays.

Mackenzie Brown was strong on the foul line netting 5 points.

Key scoring contributions during the game came from Wiens and Caughill.

The gold medal match saw host Niagara taking on the undefeated team from Chatham.

The Rangers came away with a 41 -28 loss – earning the silver medal.

The Rangers did not give up and played strong until the final buzzer.

It was a total team effort with points earned by Smith, deBoer, Wiens, deGroot, Bowron, Buis and Frena.

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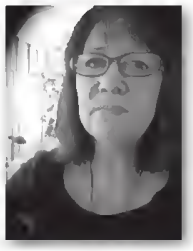

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Rangers come home with silver and bronze

Atoms travel to Brantford and Ancaster to compete in tournaments.

In atom action, the Niagara Rangers boys basketball team travelled to Brantford to compete in a tournament and brought home silver medals.

During the tournament, the Rangers defeated Ancaster 39-30 and Brantford 56-36.

The atoms advanced to the semi finals, but they lost the gold medal to Hamilton 48-46.

After their second place win, the Rangers participated in the Ancaster Magic Tournament and won the bronze medal.

The Rangers won their first game against Markham 51-31. The team lost their next game but then went on to defeat Scarborough, winning third place.

During their final game, the Rangers came back from a nine-point deficit to win by two points in the last 10 seconds, 33-31.

Coach Chris MacEachern will be running a summer scrimmage program for boys born in 2000 to 2002 one night a week during July and August.

For more information please e-mail stacymac@mergetel.com or visit www.niagararangers.com .

This program is open to anyone who is interested and will be a great opportunity to keep up basketball skills over the summer.

In atom action, Coach Chris MacEachern (top, left), Sam Pynn, Jayson Carpenter, Ethan Siemens, Josh Lahn, Spencer Blanchette, Coach Derek Lahn, Darren Johnston, Mason MacEachern, Ben MacDonald, Ethan Taylor, Davin Voordouw and Nathan Taylor of the Niagara Rangers competed in a tournament in Brantford and brought home silver medals.

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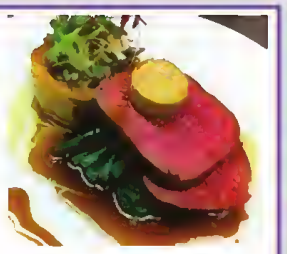

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Teens win gold and bronze in first national boxing competition

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Junior Niagara-on-the-Lake boxers Josh and Gabe Lupia threw all the right punches in a knock-out performance, bringing home titles at the Junior and Youth Canadian National Championships in their first national competition.

After fighting in two matches Josh Lupia, 14, brought home the gold.

His brother Gabe lost to the defending Canadian champion in the semi-finals, bringing home a bronze medal.

"I thought Gabe had won the fight," says coach Billy Irwin. "He only lost the match by a point or two. It was very close."

Irwin says he is proud of how well Josh and Gabe performed, along with three other fighters from Fight Club Canada on Portage Road in Niagara Falls.

The club brought home two golds, two silvers and one bronze medal at the tournament.

"They made me look good. It goes to show how good all five of the fighters are."

Irwin says Josh and Gabe, along with the other boxers who attended the tournament trained exceptionally hard in the months leading up to the event.

"We increased the number of drills and we made them more difficult."

The brothers already train about two hours a day five days a week and they are very dedicated to boxing, says Irwin.

"I don't see that often—how hard they train—I was just very lucky to have all five fighters, including Josh and Gabe."

Despite their young age, Irwin says he expected the brothers to perform well at the tournament.

"I know how hard they trained. To me, Gabe is the hardest worker in the gym. With Josh, nothing really surprises me with that kid. He just likes to fight."

Josh says he wasn't nervous when he headed into the competition—because of all of the training he received, he felt prepared.

"I worked on different ways to train, I did harder drills, more squats, and worked more with the punching bag."

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Gabe Lupia (left) with coach Billy Irwin and his brother Josh Lupia from Fight Club Canada in Niagara Falls travelled to Quebec to compete in the Junior and Youth Canadian National Championship, both teens bringing home medals.

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Brothers plan to compete in many competitions and one day reach the Olympics

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Gabe went into the tournament with a broken noise and he says he was worried he wouldn't be able to fight.

Despite the pain, Gabe pushed through it and faced tough competition—the Canadian champion had more than 35 fights under his belt while Lupia only had nine.

"I thought I could have won but I knew the kids in my division and I knew I was going to have a tough fight right from the start. I'm happy with my bronze medal overall."

For now, the brothers say they are focused on competing in tournaments and winning as many fights as they can. Their ultimate goal is to join the national senior team and qualify for the Olympics when they are eligible in four years.

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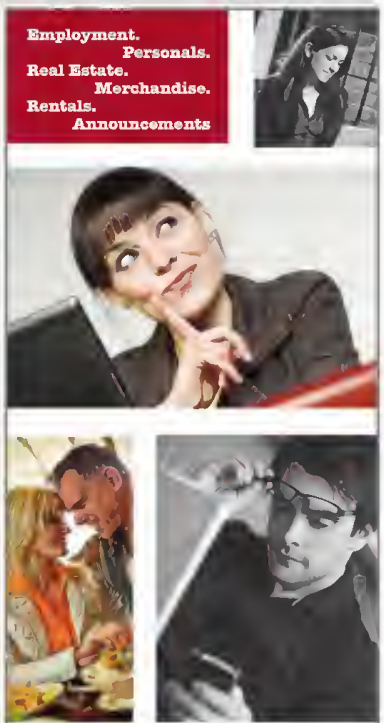

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PREWITT, Ann Russe - "Former director of Camp Northway, a wilderness cemp in Algonquin Park, died peacefully on March 9 of natural causes. She was ninety-seven years old. In the twenty-six years she directed Northway, Mrs. Prewitt impacted the lives of countless young persons. "Had it not been for Mrs. Prewitt, I never would have had the courage to..." often begins the sentences of those who knew her in her prime years, according to her daughter Judy. Born Ann Harwood Russe in St Louis, Missouri, she attended John Burroughs School, where she was a star athlete, winning state and regional competitions in fencing. She graduated first in her class at Bradford College, studied at Smith College, and later received a BA in Urban Studies at York University. Politically active in St. Louis as the campaign manager of democratic Senator Stuart Symington during the years in which he was a prominent opponent of Senator Joseph McCarthy, she was a vigorous debater all of her life on political and social questions. The most important experience of her youth was attending Camp Northway, the oldest continuously operating girls' camp in North America. There she became an expert canoeist end cenoe-tripper under the mentorship of the founder of Northway, Fanny L. Case. She bought the camp from Miss Case in 1951 and, piling her four small children, nanny Lucie, and dog Pocahontas in a Chevrolet station wagon drove from St Louis to Canada to begin her career as camp director. In the words of her daughter Beth, "She had the courage of her convictions, whether it was buying and running a camp she believed in or in being active in politics." Retaining her athletic ability well into middle age, she challenged Northway campers every summer to compete with her in performing the balancing feat she became known for: standing on her head in a canoe. One winter when she was in her sixties she trekked by herself over the ice into Cache Lake, Algonquin Park, carrying a tape recorder so that she could record the sounds of wolves howling in the night. A similarly bold venture took place in her eighties when, despite difficulty walking, she flew to Cuba to deliver two suitcases of medical supplies. "She lived an original life," says her son Brookes. Mrs. Prewitt's love of the Cenadian north woods stayed with her all of her life. On the door of her log cabin on Cache Lake was pinned a piece of birch bark with words she had copied by hand from John Ruskin: "We need the tonic of wilderness...". Former editor and publisher of the Cenadian Camping Magazine and an Honorary Life Member of the Ontario Camping Association, Mrs. Prewitt enjoyed many affiliations. She was a member of Colonial Dames in Maryland and, in Niagara-on-the-Lake, the Conservancy, the Shaw Guild, the Newcomers Club, and the Garden Club. She supported many charities, including Alice Sloan's School in Kentucky and Families for Children, which helps orphans in India. Enjoying membership in two bridge clubs, she derived great pleasure from pleying bridge until well into her nineties. Her marriage to Arthur Lansing Prewitt of Minnesota produced five children: Arthur and Frederick Prewitt, both of whom predeceased her, and three surviving children: Dr. Elizabeth Yates of Ottawa, Ontano, Dr. Judy Eiland of Boston, Massachusetts, and Brookes Prewitt, L.L.B. and J.D., of Niagara-on-the-Lake, who, together with his wife Joan Dodds Prewitt, now directs Camp Northway. Mrs. Prewitt is also survived by eleven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A short Memorial Service will be held on Saturday May 26, 3:00pm, at **MORGAN FUNERAL HOME**, 415 Regent St. Niagara-on-the-Lake L0S 1J0. After the Service there will be a gathenng to honour Ann at 294 Regent St. Niagara-on-the-Lake. In lieu of flowers donations to the Ann Prewitt Northway Voyageur Fund may be sent to Camp Northway at 294 Regent St. Box 1184, Niagara-on-the-Lake Ontario, Caneda L0S 1J0. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at www.morganfuneral.com <http://www.morganfuneral.com>

Tykes defeat Thorold Black Hawks 9–4

In tyke action of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Hockey Association, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 124 defeated the Thorold Black Hawks 9-4.

Madison Giampa played between the pipes and made amazing saves during the game.

Ethan Williams scored a hat trick and Liam Dietsch scored a single in first period.

Noah Ostromecki added the team's points by scoring a hat trick in the second period. Jack Friessen and Ben McLean each scored singles.

Earning assists were Ostromecki, Dietsch and McLean.

The tykes are getting ready to take on fellow NOTL team Gary Zalepa Century 21 tykes on March 17.

The tykes are set to play each other at the Meridian Credit Union Arena. The puck drops at noon.

Great save

SARAH FERGUSON Niagara Advance

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